

**WARRANT FOR
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
ELECTION
Saturday, April 14, 2007**



**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Monday 23, April 2007
TOWN OF ARLINGTON**

**TOWN WARRANT
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Middlesex, ss.

To the Constables of the Town of Arlington, in said County:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Arlington qualified to vote in elections, to meet at the polling places designated for the several Precincts in said Town on

**SATURDAY
THE FOURTEENTH OF APRIL 2007**

at eight o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, namely:

ARTICLE 1 TO ELECT BY BALLOT:

- A) One Moderator for three years**
- B) One Selectman for three years**
- C) One Assessor for three years**
- D) Two School Committee Members for three years**
- E) One School Committee Member for one year (to fill a vacancy)**
- F) One Member of the Arlington Housing Authority for two years (to fill a vacancy)**

Also, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 43A of the General Laws, the number of Town Meeting Members hereinafter specified:

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| PRECINCT 1 - | Four for three years; |
| PRECINCT 2 - | Four for three years; |
| PRECINCT 3 - | Four for three years; |
| PRECINCT 4 - | Four for three years; |
| PRECINCT 5 - | Four for three years; One for two years; |
| PRECINCT 6 - | Four for three years; One for one year; |
| PRECINCT 7 - | Four for three years; |
| PRECINCT 8 - | Four for three years; |
| PRECINCT 9 - | Four for three years; |
| PRECINCT 10 - | Four for three years; |
| PRECINCT 11 - | Four for three years; |
| PRECINCT 12 - | Four for three years; |
| PRECINCT 13 - | Four for three years; One for one year; |
| PRECINCT 14 - | Four for three years; |
| PRECINCT 15 - | Four for three years; |
| PRECINCT 16 - | Four for three years; |
| PRECINCT 17 - | Four for three years; One for two years; Two for one year; |
| PRECINCT 18 - | Four for three years; |
| PRECINCT 19 - | Four for three years; |
| PRECINCT 20 - | Four for three years; |
| PRECINCT 21 - | Four for three years. |

For these purposes, the polls will be opened at eight o'clock A.M. and remain open until eight o'clock P.M., at each of the polling places designated, viz.:

- Precinct 1 Thompson School, entrance on North Union Street
- Precinct 2 Hardy School, entrance on Brooks Avenue
- Precinct 3 Thompson School, entrance on North Union Street
- Precinct 4 Hardy School, entrance on Brooks Avenue
- Precinct 5 Thompson School, entrance on North Union Street
- Precinct 6 Hardy School, entrance on Brooks Avenue
- Precinct 7 Chestnut Manor, entrance on Chestnut Terrace
- Precinct 8 Town Hall, entrance on Massachusetts Avenue
- Precinct 9 Chestnut Manor, entrance on Chestnut Terrace
- Precinct 10 Town Hall, entrance on Massachusetts Avenue
- Precinct 11 Bishop School, entrance on Stowcroft Road
- Precinct 12 Brackett School, entrance on Eastern Avenue
- Precinct 13 Stratton School, entrance on Mountain Avenue
- Precinct 14 Brackett School, entrance on Eastern Avenue
- Precinct 15 Stratton School, entrance on Mountain Avenue
- Precinct 16 Dallin School, entrance on Florence Avenue
- Precinct 17 Stratton School, entrance on Mountain Avenue
- Precinct 18 Dallin School, entrance on Florence Avenue
- Precinct 19 Peirce School, entrance on Newland Road
- Precinct 20 Park Avenue Congregational Church, entrance on Paul Revere Road
- Precinct 21 Peirce School, entrance on Newland Road

You are also required to notify and warn the said inhabitants to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the 23rd day of April, 2007, at eight o'clock in the evening, at which time and place the following articles are to be acted upon and determined exclusively by Town Meeting Members, in accordance with and subject to the referenda provided for by Chapter 43A of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 2

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

To receive, hear, and act upon the reports of the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, Redevelopment Board, and other committees, commissions, and boards heretofore appointed, including, without limitation: Permanent Town Building Committee (April 23, 1969), Vision 2020 Standing Committee (June 8, 1992), Commission on Disability (May 3, 1993), School Facilities “Working Group” (May 4, 1994), Bylaw Recodification Study Committee (May 9, 1994), Noise Abatement Study Committee (May 11, 1998), Affordable Housing Task Force (May 3, 1999), Zoning Bylaw Review Committee (May 12, 1999), Uncle Sam Committee (May 17, 1999), Fields and Playgrounds Task Force (May 19, 1999), Maintenance Study Committee (May 1, 2000), Alewife Brook Advisory Committee (May 15, 2000), Newsracks Study Committee (May 9, 2001), Community Preservation Act Study Committee (May 21, 2001), Symmes Advisory Committee (May 21, 2001), Power Company Feasibility Committee (May 6, 2002), Community-Based Health Insurance Study Committee (April 30, 2003), Tree Committee (May 7, 2003), Post-Employment Medical Benefits Committee (May 17, 2004), Trust Fund Policies Committee (May 17, 2004), Information Technology Advisory Committee (May 17, 2004), Field Maintenance and Users Fee Study Committee (May 26, 2004), Symmes Neighborhood Advisory Committee (September 27, 2004), Private Way Procedures Committee (May 18, 2005), Symmes Neighborhood Committee (May 18, 2005), 200th Anniversary Committee (May 18, 2005), and Explore Options for Additional Burial Spaces Committee (April 26, 2006), State Aid Task Force Committee (April 26, 2006), Part Time Elected Officials’ Benefits Study Committee (May 1, 2006); G.I.S Review Committee (May 10, 2006) and Comprehensive Fire Station Rebuilding Plan Committee (April 26, 2006); or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Moderator)

ARTICLE 3

APPOINTMENT OF MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK

To choose and appoint all the usual Town Officers not hereinbefore mentioned, in such a manner as the Town may determine; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 4

ELECTION OF ASSISTANT TOWN MODERATOR

To elect a Town Meeting Member as Assistant Moderator for a term of one year, as provided in Title I, Article 1, Section 11, A, of the Bylaws; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Moderator)

ARTICLE 5

ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT/VEHICLE SHARING

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw to allow the parking of shared vehicles such as so-called Zip Cars in certain zoning districts; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Arlington Redevelopment Board and the Transportation Advisory Committee)

ARTICLE 6

ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT/COMPACT CAR PARKING

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw to make changes in the size and number of compact car parking spaces that may be located in a parking lot; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Arlington Redevelopment Board and the Transportation Advisory Committee)

ARTICLE 7

ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT/OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw to allow parking in the Open Space District; or take any other action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Arlington Redevelopment Board)

ARTICLE 8

ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT/PERMEABLE PAVING

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw to allow the expanded use of permeable paving materials; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Arlington Redevelopment Board
and the Zoning Bylaw Review Committee)

ARTICLE 9

ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT/AFFORDABLE HOUSING

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw in Article 11, SPECIAL REGULATIONS, Section 11.08-Affordable Housing Requirements.

In Section c. DEFINITIONS:

DELETE existing definition of Affordable Units, and insert in place thereof

“Rental Units priced such that the rent (including utilities) shall not exceed 30% of the income of a household at 60% of median income; or, for homeownership units, priced such that the annual debt service on a mortgage plus taxes, insurance, and condominium fees (assuming a 5% down payment) shall not exceed 30% of the income of a household at 70% of median income.”

and DELETE existing definition of Eligible Households, and insert in place thereof

“For ownership units, a household whose total income does not exceed 80% of the Median Income of households in the Boston Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area, adjusted for household size. For rental units, a household whose total income does not exceed 70% of the Median Income of Households in the Boston Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area, adjusted for household size.”

and in Section d. REQUIREMENTS

DELETE existing Section d.2., and insert in place thereof

“2. Affordable Units shall be priced as follows:

Rental units shall be priced so that the rent plus utilities shall not exceed 30% of the income of a household at 60% of median income.

Ownership units shall be priced so that mortgage payment (assuming a 5% down payment) plus property taxes, insurance and condominium fees shall not exceed 30% of the income of a household at 70% of median income.

Prices shall be calculated such that household size matches the number of bedrooms plus one.”

and in Section d. REQUIREMENTS

ADD a new subparagraph,

“3. Affordable Units shall conform to all requirements for inclusion on the State’s Subsidized Housing Inventory.”

and RENUMBERED present d.3. to d.4.

Amend d.4(c) by adding, after the words “room size”, “and number of rooms”; or take any take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Affordable Housing Task Force)

ARTICLE 10 **BYLAW AMENDMENT/STORMWATER MANAGEMENT**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Bylaw to require that the development or redevelopment of property does not increase the stormwater flow from the property; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request Arlington Redevelopment Board and the Conservation Commission)

ARTICLE 11 **ZONING MAP CHANGE FOR SMITH STREET**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Map by changing from R1 to R2, property located at 67 Smith Street being Assessors Map 176, Block 8, Lot 20B; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of 10 registered voters)

ARTICLE 12 **BYLAW AMENDMENT/PROHIBITION AGAINST CERTAIN EMINENT DOMAIN TAKINGS**

To see if the town will vote to adopt the following:

The authority of the Town of Arlington and its agencies of local government, as reserved to localities under Chapter 79 of the Massachusetts General Law, to seize privately owned parcels against the expressed will of the owner through the use of eminent domain procedures, shall, in light of Kilo vs. New London, be specifically further limited as follows:

1) To only those proposed taking actions incorporating the transfer of private parcel(s) to the Town of Arlington or any of its authorized agencies of local government and under no circumstances to another private party, and;

2) To only those proposed taking actions whose purpose is the creation of a facility for actual public use and ownership to include public open spaces, parks, and watershed protection districts and never for the purposes of economic development or the enhancement of the local tax base. Nothing in the bylaw shall limit the authority of the Town of Arlington or its authorized agencies of local government to seize property that is endangering the health and safety of its residents or which could otherwise be seized or foreclosed upon for tax delinquency in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 60 of the Massachusetts General Laws; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of 10 registered voters)

ARTICLE 13 **BYLAW AMENDMENT/PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION AND DEFERRAL INFORMATION**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the bylaws so as to require the insertion in the envelope of one property tax bill each year written information on the tax exemptions and deferrals available to Arlington property taxpayers; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of 10 registered voters)

ARTICLE 14**BYLAW AMENDMENT/GRAFFITI**

To see if the Town will vote to enact a bylaw to address the issue of graffiti, so-called “tagging” in the Town. Said bylaw would, without limitation, address having commercial establishments segregate materials used for tagging so that minors would not have easy access to same, to provide fines for property owners who do not remove graffiti from their real property within a reasonable period of time after written warning to do so, determine the penalty for violations of said bylaw; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

ARTICLE 15**BYLAW AMENDMENT/CHANGES TO TOWN
MEETING PROCEDURES COMMITTEE**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Title I, Article 1, Section 8 (Procedures Committee) of the Town Bylaws; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of 10 registered voters)

ARTICLE 16**BYLAW AMENDMENT/CODE OF CONDUCT/TOWN MEETING**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the bylaws relating to the code of conduct of Town Meeting members or pass a resolution the aim of which would be to protect a speaker duly recognized by the Moderator from interruptions or other rude behavior while said person is addressing the Town Meeting; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of 10 registered voters)

ARTICLE 17**BYLAW AMENDMENT/ARTICLE 6 PERSONNEL BYLAW**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 6 Classification and Compensation Plans and Personnel Bylaw of Title I of the Bylaws; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager and the Director of Personnel)

ARTICLE 18**BYLAW AMENDMENT/DATA PROCESSING DEPARTMENT**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Bylaws and/or the Town Manager Act, and/or file Home Rule legislation and/or take any other action necessary to effect the transfer of the management, supervision, jurisdiction and control of the Data Processing Department and information technology functions of the Town from the office of the Comptroller to the Town Manager; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 19**BYLAW AMENDMENT/PARKING AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the by-laws of the Town of Arlington, to authorize and empower the Board of Selectmen to file a petition with the General Court, and/or take any other necessary action pertaining to the establishment, enforcement, administration, and local adjudication of parking and traffic regulations; including but not limited to the appointment of the Parking Clerk, the establishment of a Transportation Board or Traffic Commission and/or a Department of Traffic and Transportation, so as to provide for the professional management of the Town’s parking resources; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of 10 registered voters)

ARTICLE 20

BYLAW AMENDMENT/RECYCLING PROGRAM

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's Bylaws Article 14 of Title I (Recycling Program) by inserting the following:

Section 1.1 Waste Bans

To insure compliance with the State solid waste facility regulation, 310 CMR 19.017, which prohibits the disposal as trash of certain recyclable materials, it shall be unlawful to have the following materials disposed of in or collected with the trash. Further, the Town shall direct its contracted waste hauler, which is obligated to comply with all State and Local laws, not to collect any such visible recyclable materials with the trash. The restricted materials are as follows:

Recyclable Paper: All unsoiled paper products including newspapers, newspaper inserts, magazines, paperback books, catalogs, paper bags, junk mail, phone books, office paper and the like.

Recyclable Cardboard: All unsoiled cardboard and paperboard products including: cereal boxes, snack food boxes, dry food boxes, shoe boxes, shipping boxes, and corrugated cardboard and the like.

Recyclable Glass: All clear and colored glass food and beverage containers including all glass jars and glass bottles (deposit and non-deposit) and the like.

Recyclable Metal: All metal, aluminum, steel or bi-metal beverage and food containers including food cans, aluminum pie plates and trays, clean aluminum foil, deposit and non-deposit beverage cans and the like.

Recyclable Plastic: All plastic bottles and containers including: plastic milk, juice or water bottles or jugs, soda bottles (deposit or non-deposit), detergent bottles and all plastic containers (#1 thru #7).

Residents are referred to the Department of Public Works (DPW) Annual Recycling and Trash Collection Guide for additional information regarding the proper preparation of these materials for collection via the Town's curbside collection program.

Additional items banned from disposal with the trash include: Yard waste, demolition debris, propane gas tanks, cathode ray tubes, white goods, fluorescent bulbs, automobile batteries, hazardous materials and additional items as specified in the DPW's Annual Recycling and Trash Collection Guide. Residents are referred to the Annual Recycling and Trash Collection Guide and the Town's Department of Public Works for information regarding the appropriate disposal of these items; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of 10 registered voters)

ARTICLE 21 BYLAW AMENDMENT/SERVICE COUNTING FOR TOWN BENEFITS

To see if the Town will vote to change its bylaws to define service counting for benefits including but not limited to retirement and healthcare or town paid health insurance as requiring service that would be compensated at a rate equal to or exceeding 5,000 dollars per annum.

(Inserted at the request to 10 registered voters)

ARTICLE 22**HOME RULE LEGISLATION/BRENDAN GORMLEY**

To see if the Town will vote to request and authorize the Board of Selectmen to file a Home Rule Petition with the General Court so as to permit Brendan Gormley of 39 Wildwood Avenue, Arlington, to apply for the position of Firefighter in the Town's Fire Department notwithstanding the fact that the Town has not accepted the provisions of Section 61A and 61B of Chapter 31 of the General Laws and further notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Gormley's age is in excess of 32 years; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of 10 registered voters)

ARTICLE 23**HOME RULE LEGISLATION/DANIEL WESINGER**

To see if the Town will vote to request and authorize the Board of Selectmen to file a Home Rule Petition with the General Court so as to permit Daniel Wesinger of 132 Alpine Terrace, Arlington, to apply for the position of Firefighter in the Town's Fire Department notwithstanding the fact that he the Town has not accepted the provisions of Section 61A and 61B of Chapter 31 of the General Laws and further notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Wesinger's age is in excess of 32 years; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of 10 registered voters)

ARTICLE 24**HOME RULE LEGISLATION/ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to file Home Rule Legislation that would place on a ballot at a subsequent election a question as to whether the Board of Selectmen would be authorized to issue up to three licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be consumed on the premises; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 25**HOME RULE LEGISLATION/SEAT RESTRICTION
ALL ALCOHOL RESTAURANT LICENSE**

To see if the Town will vote to do all things necessary and appropriate to reduce the number of seats necessary in order to apply for a permit from the Board of Selectmen for an all alcohol license for restaurants, including without limitation, the filing of a Home Rule petition to accomplish same; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of 10 registered voters)

ARTICLE 26**HOME RULE LEGISLATION/PENSION FUNDING PROGRAM**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize and request the Board of Selectmen to file Home Rule Legislation to allow the Town of Arlington to amend its retirement system funding schedule in order to reduce the unfunded actuarial liability of the system to zero no later than June 30, 2028 pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 32, Section 22D, and to direct that the amount of any reduction in the total annual amount that the Town would otherwise be required to appropriate pursuant to the funding schedule in effect prior to such amendment be applied to the Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust Fund as established by the Town of Arlington in accordance with Chapter 161 of the Acts of 2005; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Contributory Retirement Board)

ARTICLE 27

HOME RULE LEGISLATION/ACTIVE EMPLOYEE AND RETIRED EMPLOYEE HEALTH CARE TRUST FUND ACCOUNTS

To see if the Town will vote to do all things necessary and appropriate including without limitation the passage of a Home Rule petition to establish an Active Employee Health Care Trust Fund Account and a Retired Employee Health Care Trust Fund Account (hereafter “Fund” or “Funds”) with each ‘Fund’ being held responsible for payment of the ongoing health care costs of active and retired [or their survivor(s)] employees, respectively.

The Active Employee Health Care Trust Fund Account to be funded by the payment of monthly health insurance premiums as are made by the Town on the employee’s behalf and by the employee him/herself on a regular basis, and by the transfer of all funds currently residing in the existing ‘Joint’ Employee Healthcare Trust Fund account.

The Retired Employee Health Care Trust Fund Account to be funded by the payment of monthly health insurance premiums as are made by the Town on the retired employee’s behalf and by the retired employee him/herself on a regular basis, and by the transfer of all funds currently residing in the Post-Employment Health Care Trust Fund

Any Medicare Part D reimbursement payments as may be received by the Town shall be deposited in the Retired Employee Health Care Trust Fund Account.

Medicare Part D reimbursement payments shall in all cases be considered and budgeted against the calculation of annual increases in the Town’s overall employee health care insurance costs as it relates to the calculation of annual town and school departmental appropriations as provided for by the current, and any future, five-year fiscal plan(s) of the Town.

The Town may choose from time to time to make an additional annual appropriation to the Retired Employee Health Care Trust Fund, as has been its custom of late, in an amount equal to the difference between the Town’s non-contributory pension liability and \$500,000.

Should it prove necessary to ensure the stability of the Retired Employee Health Care Trust Fund, transfers from the Active Employee Health Care Trust Fund may be made upon the recommendation of the Town Manager and approval by the Board of Selectmen and Town Meeting.

Further, the Town and Active Employees together may from time to time choose to make additional regular appropriations to the Retired Employee Health Care Trust Fund, in a fashion similar to those made into the Employee Pension Trust Fund, with the structure and cost-sharing of said contributions to be determined by collective bargaining.

Upon the Town’s Employee Pension plan achieving ‘full-funding’ status as determined by and reported by the Arlington Retirement Board or the body currently overseeing the Arlington Employee Pension Trust Fund, the Town may from time to time choose to make additional annual appropriations into the Retired Employee Health Care Trust Fund; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of 10 registered voters)

ARTICLE 28**HOME RULE LEGISLATION/RENTAL RECEIPTS**

To establish a revolving, enterprise, or stabilization fund which would receive the receipts of lease payments paid to the Town from tenants in Town owned buildings and would authorize expenditures to defray the cost of operating said buildings, including the setting aside of certain of said receipts for capital improvements, maintenance, and repair, including the possibility of filing a Home Rule Petition to authorize same; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

ARTICLE 29**ESTABLISH COMMITTEE/BUS SHELTERS**

To see if the Town will vote to establish the Bus Shelter Study Committee to evaluate the feasibility, cost and benefits of the Town entering into a contract with an MBTA qualified provider and erector of bus shelters with said shelters to be located at qualifying MBTA bus stops within the Town.

For the Planning Department under the direction of the Town Manager and the Board of Selectmen and in conjunction with the Department of Public Works and the Arlington Redevelopment Board to promulgate requirements for the placement of said bus shelters and to work to resolve any zoning issues that may arise during the review process.

Bus shelters to be erected at no cost to the town with the provider to be responsible for all upkeep including repair, snow removal and the like. The Town to share in any revenues generated by the bus shelters (advertising) according to established rates.

The Bus Shelter Study Committee to report to the 2008 Annual Town Meeting; or to take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of 10 registered voters)

ARTICLE 30**ESTABLISH COMMITTEE/PARKING MANAGEMENT**

To see if the Town will vote to request the Planning Department, in conjunction with the Department of Public Works, Arlington Police Department, Arlington Traffic Advisory Committee, Information Technology Advisory Committee and University study teams as warranted, to perform a parking supply and demand study along the full length of the town's major commercial corridors, namely the greater Massachusetts Avenue and Broadway commercial corridors.

Phase I would examine:

1 - Parking demand and requirements by type (time of day, length of occupancy, in/out requirements) of businesses, schools, non-profit entities, and residents.

2 - User attitudes regarding alternate transportation solutions and proximity requirements (i.e. close-in spaces for short duration, distant/far spaces for all day parking and the like), pricing and incentives for use of parking alternatives (MBTA, subway, commuter rail, walk, bicycle, carpool, vanpool, telework)

Phase II would develop potential solutions to improve availability of existing parking to accommodate current and future parking demands as quantified during Phase I.

Phase III would entail enacting these solutions to insure that Arlington's commercial centers continue to prosper and thrive; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of 10 registered voters)

ARTICLE 31 CONTINUED TRANSFER OF JURISDICTION/PARMENTER AND CROSBY SCHOOLS

To see if the Town will vote to continue the transfer of the jurisdiction of the Parmenter and Crosby Schools and/or land appurtenant thereto from the jurisdiction of the School Committee to the Redevelopment Board for a period ending on June 30, 2018; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the School Committee and the Redevelopment Board)

ARTICLE 32 NAMING OF ARLINGTON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

To see if the Town will vote to name the Arlington Scholarship Fund, Dollars for Scholars Program, "The John J. Bilafer Arlington Scholarship Fund Dollars for Scholars Program"; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Treasurer)

ARTICLE 33 EASEMENT/55 VENNER ROAD

To see if the Town will vote to abandon the easement/building lines at 55 Venner Road as taken and established on April 6, 1942 and recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book 6591, page 1 and as shown on a Plan filed with the taking being Plan No. 213 of 1942, determine the contingencies that will be attached to said release; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of 10 registered voters)

ARTICLE 34 REVOLVING FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize revolving funds established under various previous votes of the Town, to hear or receive a report concerning the receipts and expenditures of same, to establish new revolving funds or to amend the votes under any previously adopted revolving funds, to appropriate a sum of money to fund same, to determine how the money shall be raised or expended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 35 AUTHORITY TO FILE FOR GRANTS

To see if the Town will vote to give the Town Manager, the Board of Selectmen, the Superintendent of Schools, and the School Committee, the general authority to file applications and to accept grants from the Federal Government, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and/or any grant-making organization/body during Fiscal Year 2007; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager and the Superintendent of Schools)

ARTICLE 36**SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to do all things necessary and appropriate including, if necessary, the filing of a Home-Rule Petition in order to establish a special account into which can be deposited funds from the school operating budget or other sources to defray unanticipated special education expenses; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the School Committee and the Superintendent of Schools)

ARTICLE 37**PERMISSIVE LEGISLATION**

To see if the Town will vote to accept permissive legislation relating to any one or more of the following:

1. Retirement changes and/or early retirement,
2. Education reform and/or application and acceptance of any educational funds appropriated by the legislature,
3. Special needs students,

or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the School Committee and the Superintendent of Schools)

ARTICLE 38**ENDORSEMENT OF CDBG APPLICATION**

To see if the Town will vote to endorse the application for Federal Fiscal Year 2008 prepared by the Town Manager and the Board of Selectmen under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383) as amended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen and at the request of the Town Manager)

ARTICLE 39**COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**

To see if the Town will vote to fund any fiscal items in the event that any are contained in collective bargaining agreements between the Town and the following named collective bargaining units, and to fund for non-union M Schedule and elected officials' salaries or fringe benefits, each group to be voted separately, determine how the money shall be raised and expended, or take any action related thereto:

- A. Local 680, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees;
- B. Service Employees International Union (formerly NAGE);
- C. Robbins Library Professional Association;
- D. Local 1297, International Association of Firefighters;
- E. Arlington Patrolmen's Association;
- F. Arlington Ranking Police Officers' Association;
- G. M Schedule and non union employees; and
- H. Full-time elected officials.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

ARTICLE 40**FUNDING FUTURE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**

To see if the Town will vote to establish a reserve for funding future collective bargaining agreements, to appropriate a sum of money for same, determine how the money will be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

ARTICLE 41

POSITIONS RECLASSIFICATION

To see if the Town will vote to make additions, deletions and/or modifications to the Classification Plan and Pay Plan, appropriate a sum of money to fund same if necessary, determine how the money will be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager and the Personnel Director)

ARTICLE 42

HOME RULE LEGISLATION/TOWN CARBON BANK

To see if the Town will vote to do all things necessary and appropriate including without limitation the passage of a home rule petition to establish an account to be entitled the “Arlington Carbon Bank Account” (ACB) to which residents and individuals can make tax-deductible contributions to offset their carbon production with said contributions and any interest earned to be designated for use expressly in the procurement of trees for planting within the Town’s limits.

The Town Energy Manager, if established by the Town Meeting, or the Town Manager will be responsible in conjunction with the Board of Selectmen and the Department of Public Works for overseeing the ACB, determining the cost structure and the amount of carbon ‘banked’ based solely upon the cost of procuring trees for planting within the Town of Arlington.

Publicly available tree/carbon equivalents shall be used to establish the amount of carbon banked per dollar contributed to the ACB and the carbon equivalence of such monies to commonly used energy sources including gallons of gasoline, therms of gas and/or oil, kW of electricity, and the like, determined.

A ACB report shall be submitted to Town Meeting on an annual basis; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of 10 registered voters)

ARTICLE 43

CREATE POSITION/ENERGY MANAGER

To see if the Town will vote to create and employ a qualified individual in the position of Energy Manager (part-time) whose responsibility shall be to enhance the energy efficiency of town and school department operations.

The Energy Manager will be responsible for conducting regular energy audits, identification, development and implementation of energy saving projects within and across all town and school departments.

Deliverables for this position are cost savings that may be derived, for example, by review and implementation of any or all of the following energy/cost saving measures:

- Implementation of illumination and heating conservation programs (lights out, thermostat set back/up, morning school announcements)
- Conversion of the town and school electric billing to an hourly rate schedule
- Investigation into other possible energy suppliers, their prices and services including services as may be provided by Energy Savings Companies (ESCOs).

- Installation of additional compact fluorescent/fluorescent lighting fixtures, in conjunction with energy providers as warranted
- Completion of the town's diode based traffic light transition/installation program, in conjunction with energy providers as warranted.
- Review of existing Town vehicle fuel efficiency requirements and procurement practices, development of cost saving options and implementation of said recommendations in order to improve overall vehicle cost and energy efficiency.
- Compliance with appropriate bylaws and resolutions as passed by Town Meeting, the Board of Selectmen and School Committee relevant to energy saving initiatives.
- Oversight of the "Arlington Carbon Bank Account" should one be so established by the vote of Town Meeting. The "Arlington Carbon Bank Account" to be a fund to which residents and individuals can make tax-deductible contributions to offset their carbon production with said monies to be designated expressly towards the procurement of additional trees for planting within the Town.
- Investigate, evaluate, and implement as warranted the installation of restricted flow faucets and showerheads in town/school buildings so as to insure that the Town's use of water and hot water are minimized.
- Assist in the evaluation of cost/benefit analysis of the installation of renewable energy equipment [wind, solar (electric), solar (water), hydro] on town and/or school owned properties.

The Energy Manager's job description to be more fully developed by the Town Manager in conjunction with the Board of Selectmen, the Department of Public Works and the School Committee and Superintendent of Schools and to appropriate a sum of money to fund said position, with the expectation that the cost of the position will be offset by future energy savings, determine how the money shall be raised and expended.

Further,

- A short-term (1-2 years) energy/cost savings goal of 10 percent is hereby established
- A mid-term (2-5 years) energy/cost savings goal of 20 percent is hereby established
- A long-term (5-10 years) energy/cost savings goal of 30 percent hereby is established.

The Energy Manager will report annually to Town Meeting, such report to include results of analyses performed, short-term, mid-term and long-term energy/cost saving options, progress thereon and estimated timeline for their implementation; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of 10 registered voters)

ARTICLE 44**APPROPRIATION/TOWN BUDGETS**

To see if the Town will vote to make appropriations to defray Town obligations, liabilities, outlay and expenses and especially for or relating to all or any of the boards, departments, purposes and matters hereinafter mentioned, and to provide for the disposal of motor vehicles and other personal property belonging to the Town, determine how the money shall be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto:

Finance Committee, Board of Selectmen, Town Manager, Personnel, Comptroller, Data Processing, Town Treasurer and Collector of Taxes, Assessors, Legal and Worker's Compensation, Town Clerk, Registrars, Planning and Community Development, Redevelopment Board, Parking, Zoning Board of Appeals, Public Works, Highway, Snow and Ice Removal, Engineering, Properties, Natural Resources, Cemeteries and Sanitation, Community Safety, School Department, Libraries, Human Services, Insurance, Non-Contributory Pensions, Contributory Pensions, Town Debt and Interest, Reserve Fund, and/or any other Town Departments, Boards, Commissions or Committees, Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund, Recreation Enterprise Fund, Council on Aging Transportation Enterprise Fund, Veterans Memorial Rink Enterprise Fund, and Youth Services Enterprise Fund.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen and at the request of the Town Manager)

ARTICLE 45**CAPITAL BUDGET**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to defray the expense of purchasing, leasing, or bonding of capital equipment, infrastructure, buildings or other projects of the Town or to acquire real property for municipal purposes; to appropriate a sum of money to fund previously incurred or future Town debt, to acquire land for said projects where necessary by purchase, eminent domain taking or otherwise, determine how the money shall be raised including the possibility of borrowing any or all of the same, or the transfer of funds from any previous appropriation, determine how such money shall be expended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen, and at the request of the
Town Manager and the Capital Planning Committee)

ARTICLE 46**RESCIND AUTHORITY TO BORROW**

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the authority to borrow for certain abandoned capital projects; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Capital Planning Committee)

ARTICLE 47**APPROPRIATION/MINUTEMAN REGIONAL
VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of paying the Town's apportioned share of the operating and maintenance costs, including capital costs, of the Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical High School, determine how the money shall be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Minuteman Regional Vocational School District Committee)

ARTICLE 48**APPROPRIATION/TOWN CELEBRATIONS, ETC.**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum or sums of money to be expended under the direction of the Town Manager for the following celebrations and memorials, determine how the money shall be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto:

Veterans' Day Parade

Memorial Day Observation and the Patriots' Day Celebration

2007 Town Day Celebration

Display of American Flags on Massachusetts Avenue

Placing of American Flags on the Graves of Veterans

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

ARTICLE 49**APPROPRIATION/COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum or sums of money to be expended under the direction of various committees, commissions, and boards of the Town, determine how the money shall be raised; provided that any funds appropriated hereunder shall remain under the jurisdiction of said entities until expended at their direction, unless otherwise appropriated by the Town Meeting; the entities included hereunder, without limitation, are: Arlington Historical Commission, Arlington Recycling Committee, Avon Place Historic District Commission, Broadway Historic District Commission, Central Street Historic District Commission, Mt. Gilboa/Crescent Hill Historic District Commission, Jason/Gray Historic District Commission, Pleasant Street Historic District Commission, Russell Historic District Commission, Conservation Commission, Capital Planning Committee, Commission on Disability, Personnel Board, Public Memorial Committee, Human Rights Commission, and any other Town committee or commission; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Moderator and the Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 50**APPROPRIATION/MISCELLANEOUS**

To see if the Town will vote the following:

Legal Defense – To appropriate a sum of money to replenish the Legal Defense Fund established under Article 13, Section 5 of Title I of the Town Bylaws, Out-Of-State Travel – To appropriate a sum of money for expenses incurred outside the Commonwealth and as described in the General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 5, Paragraph 34, said appropriation to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen and the Town Manager, Indemnification of Medical Costs, to appropriate a sum of money in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 100B of the General Laws, to indemnify certain retired Police Officers and Firefighters for all reasonable medical and surgical expenses which they incurred, determine how the money will be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

ARTICLE 51**APPROPRIATION/GEORGE STREET SIDEWALK**

To see if the Town will vote to take by eminent domain, purchase or otherwise acquire a portion of George Street adjacent to the Dallin School for the purpose of installing a sidewalk to enhance the pedestrian safety in this area, to appropriate a sum or sums of money for such acquisition and installation, determine how the money will be raised including the possibility of borrowing some or all of same, determine how the money will be expended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Selectmen's Transportation Advisory Committee)

To see if the Town will vote to receive the report of the Schools Facilities Working Group concerning the potential future funding of construction or reconstruction of the Thompson and Stratton Schools; to also consider appropriating a sum or sums of money for the construction, reconstruction and original furnishing of the Thompson and Stratton Schools so as to augment existing funding; to determine how the money shall be raised and expended, including without limitation, the borrowing of all or some of same; determine how the money shall be expended; or take any action related thereto.

**ARTICLE 53 APPROPRIATION/FINANCING OF CONSTRUCTION OR
RECONSTRUCTION OF SEWERS AND SEWERAGE FACILITIES**

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager and the Director of Public Works)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of financing the construction or reconstruction of water mains and water facilities, including costs incidental and related thereto, and to determine how the appropriation shall be raised and expended including the possibility of borrowing all or some of same; or take any action related thereto.

To see if the Town will vote to establish a committee to study the feasibility, cost and benefits of the Town of Arlington (hereafter “Historic Menotomy”) joining the Liberty Ride, a seasonal fee-based bus shuttle service that transports primarily tourists between historic sites located in Concord and Lexington.

LRSC in conjunction with the Board of Selectmen, the Arlington Historical Commission, local Arlington museums and the Arlington Chamber of Commerce to identify points of historic interest and to develop informational and promotional materials for distribution and use by Liberty Ride patrons during their visit to Historic Menotomy.

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The LRSC to report their findings and any recommendations to the 2008 Annual Town Meeting,

To raise a sum of money, if necessary and to determine how the money will be expended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of 10 registered voters)

ARTICLE 56

APPROPRIATION/PENSION ADJUSTMENT FOR FORMER TWENTY-FIVE YEAR/ACCIDENTAL/DISABILITY EMPLOYEE

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to implement the 90D and 90E, pursuant to which the Town pays up to fifty percent of the maximum salary as set forth in the Compensation and Pay Plan for the position formerly held by retired employees with twenty-five or more years of service to the Town and those employees who retired under an Accidental Disability; this adjustment to be paid to those who qualify, and administered in accordance with prior practice and understanding relating to the retirement allowance of said retirees; determine how the money shall be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Contributory Retirement Board)

ARTICLE 57

APPROPRIATION/TRANSFER OF RETIREE HEALTH CARE FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to transfer all moneys from the Healthcare Trust Fund into a Healthcare Stabilization Fund, and to accept into said stabilization fund an appropriation of funds and/or the transfer of additional moneys that the Town may deem advisable from other sources in order to fund its Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) obligations, determine how the money shall be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB)
and the Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 58

LOCAL OPTION TAXES

To see if the Town will vote to accept any local option taxes or other revenue raising options, which are made available to cities and towns through enactments of the legislature; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 59

APPROPRIATION/200TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of financing the planned events and activities of the Arlington 200th Anniversary Committee, to celebrate the 200th birthday of the Town, commencing on January 1, 2007 and continuing to the end of 2007, to determine how the money will be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the 200th Anniversary Committee)

ARTICLE 60**CREATE ARLINGTON ANIMAL COMMISSION**

To create the Arlington Animal Commission to assist and advise the Animal Control Officer, the Police and the Board of Health in their duties regarding animals, including: enforcement of state laws and town bylaws; licensing all dogs; providing rabies vaccination clinics; and distributing information for low cost spay/neuter programs. The Commission shall consist of the current Animal Control Officer, a designated officer from the Arlington Police Department, a representative from the Board of Health, and five registered voters in the Town, determine the manner of their appointment; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of 10 registered voters)

ARTICLE 61**REVISE FY08 TOWN AND SCHOOL BUDGETS**

To see if the Town will vote to revise, in principle, the Town's FY07 employee health care insurance budget to \$11,044,583 to account for changes in the actual cost of providing employee health care insurance in FY07 (reduction in premium costs below FY07 budgeted amount of \$843,550) and Medicare Part D reimbursement payments (\$375,000).

And further, as this reduction, in principle, places the increase in the Town's share of FY07 employee health care insurance when compared to FY06 employee health care insurance costs at a level below 7%, that the FY08 town and school budgets are to be based upon the following pro forma FY07 budget amounts:

Town FY08 budget to be calculated based upon a pro forma FY07 budget equivalent to FY06 plus 4% (\$26,415,521) thereby providing for a FY08 budget amount consistent with the Town's five-year plan of \$27,472,141 – FY07 plus 4%).

School FY08 budget to be calculated based upon a pro forma FY07 budget equivalent to FY06 plus 4% (\$35,652,139) thereby providing for a FY08 budget amount consistent with the Town's five-year plan of (\$37,078,224 – FY07 plus 4%) or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of 10 registered voters)

ARTICLE 62**APPROPRIATION/HARRY BARBER COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to continue the Harry Barber Community Service Program, determine how the money will be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Council on Aging)

ARTICLE 63**APPROPRIATION/MINUTEMAN SENIOR SERVICES**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to defray the Town's share of Minuteman Senior Services, determine how the money will be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Council on Aging)

ARTICLE 64**APPROPRIATION/REVALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to fund a revaluation of the real property in the Town, determine how the money should be raised or expended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Board of Assessors)

ARTICLE 65**APPROPRIATION/TIP FEE STABILIZATION FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to make an appropriation/transfer from the Tip Fee Stabilization Fund established by Chapter 8 of the Acts of 1998 for any purpose allowed by such act, to determine how the money will be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 66**TRANSFER OF FUNDS/CEMETERY**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money to the Cemetery Commissioners for the improvement of Town cemeteries, said sum shall be taken from the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery "Sale of Lots and Graves Fund"; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 67**APPROPRIATION/OVERLAY RESERVE**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from previous years overlay reserve surplus accounts, determine to what purpose this appropriation shall be made; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 68**APPROPRIATION/STABILIZATION FUND**

To see if the Town will make an appropriation to be added to the Fiscal Stability Stabilization Fund created under Article 65 of the 2005 Annual Town Meeting in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 5B, as amended, or other appropriate provisions of law, determine how the money shall be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 69**USE OF FREE CASH**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the taking of a sum of money voted for appropriations heretofore made at the Town Meeting under the Warrant and not voted to be borrowed from available funds in the Treasury, and authorize the Assessors to use free cash in the Treasury to that amount in the determination of the tax rate for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 70**ADJUDICATORY HEARINGS**

To see if the Town will vote to:

Accept G. L. c. 39, § 23D, which would permit local board members who miss a single session of an adjudicatory hearing before their board to be able to vote on the matter provided they review the evidence submitted at the missed hearing session and file a certificate to said effect, and to specify whether it shall apply to all types of adjudicatory hearings or only certain ones; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 71

RESOLUTION/SUSTAINABILITY ACTION PLAN

To see if the Town will adopt the following:

WHEREAS, global warming increasingly threatens the world's health, environment, and economy;

WHEREAS, melting of arctic and Antarctic ice, the Greenland ice mass, and glaciers around the world is proceeding at a rapid rate;

WHEREAS, the consensus among scientists is that the world must reduce its emissions of greenhouse gases by at least 75% in order to eventually stabilize the climate;

WHEREAS, Massachusetts will be increasingly harmed by global warming through changes in our climate, worsening of storms, floods, and droughts, damage to native plant and animal species, rising sea levels, spread of diseases, and losses to our economy;

WHEREAS, the New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers released a Climate Action Plan in 2001 setting goals of reducing GHG emissions to 1990 levels by 2010, to 10% below 1990 levels by 2020, and eventually by 75 to 85% below current levels;

WHEREAS, the State of Massachusetts issued its own Climate Action Plan in 2005 committing the State to the same goals and laying out a range of policies to achieve the goals;

WHEREAS, actions to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide (CO₂) and other GHGs can be taken not only at the national and state levels, but also by local government and households;

WHEREAS, in the year 2000 the Town of Arlington joined the international Cities for Climate Protection campaign through a vote by the Selectmen, committing itself to reducing local emissions of GHGs;

WHEREAS, an inventory done for Arlington in 2000 estimated that total global warming emissions attributable to Arlington's residents, businesses, Town government and other institutions were the equivalent of 473,540 tons of CO₂ in 1997;

WHEREAS, Sustainable Arlington, on behalf of the Town, completed a Climate Action Plan (Arlington Sustainability Action Plan, or ASAP, Part I) that sets goals of reducing our local GHG emissions by 6% in 2010 and 12% in 2015, and lays out a range of actions to achieve these goals;

WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen has endorsed the ASAP Part I and instructed the Town Manager to participate in its implementation;

Therefore,

Arlington Town Meeting hereby votes to adopt the ASAP Part I, and further instructs the Town Manager to place a priority on its implementation, including creation of an Energy Management Task Force for the Town, which shall have the responsibility to maximize energy efficiency within Town operations, to promote efficiency for Town residents and businesses, and to explore possibilities for implementing renewable energy within the Town.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen and at the request of Sustainable Arlington)

ARTICLE 72

RESOLUTION/WATER AND SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND HEALTH INSURANCE OFFSET PAYMENTS

To see if the Town will vote the following:

WHEREAS, the Town's employee health care insurance costs have increased by approximately 24% between FY04 to FY08, and

WHEREAS, the Arlington Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund's payments, actual or budgeted, to offset the cost of providing health insurance to Water and Sewer and/or Town Employees providing services to the Arlington Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund have remained constant over this same period (FY04 to FY08).

Now, therefore be it resolved that in the FY08 budget year and henceforward that the Arlington Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund's payments to offset the cost of providing employee health insurance to Water and Sewer and/or Town Employees providing services to the Arlington Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund be adjusted upwards annually to fully account for any annual increase in employee health care insurance costs, and that for the FY08 budget year that the Arlington Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund's contribution to the Town' employee health care insurance be increased by 24% over the amount previously budgeted; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of 10 registered voters)

ARTICLE 73

RESOLUTION/WELFARE AND SAFETY OF CITIZENS

To see if the town will adopt the following:

WHEREAS, the Town of Arlington through its elected and appointed officials, has responsibility for the ongoing welfare and safety of its citizens.

WHEREAS, these responsibilities includes consideration of the impact of an adjacent communities actions.

WHEREAS, the Town of Belmont has a proposal to develop an area of adjacent land that will adversely impact Arlington residents,

WHEREAS, The Arlington Town Planner has submitted to the Town of Belmont testimony that the adverse impact of such a development if it is approved affects Arlington's citizens.

It is therefore RESOLVED, that if the Belmont development proposal is approved without consideration and support of Arlington's objections, Arlington should consider establishing a change of traffic regulations to Lake Street. This will include making the Street one way out of Arlington for all private motor vehicles during the morning and evening commuting hours defined as 7:00 AM to 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. This will be in effect Monday through Friday with the exception of National and State Holidays. The street will continue to function as bi-directional for public transportation and emergency vehicles during those days and hours; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of 10 registered voters)

ARTICLE 74**RESOLUTION/WAR ON TERRORISM**

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following:

WHEREAS, the Town of Arlington, Massachusetts has a long and distinguished history of certain residents answering the call to defend freedom from every foe, from the Revolutionary War to the War on Terrorism; and

WHEREAS, so many Arlington residents have paid the ultimate sacrifice in defending our freedoms so that we may be safe, secure and free; and

WHEREAS, a number of brave and dedicated Arlington residents cannot be thanked enough for dedicating a portion of their lives to the defense of Our Great Nation.

Be it therefore resolved that we, the Town Meeting Members, on behalf of every resident of Town of Arlington, extend this Statement of Appreciation to the Service Men and Women of the United States Armed Forces, and their families, for their supreme sacrifice in defending These United States of America; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of 10 registered voters)

ARTICLE 75**POSITIVE PARENTING RESOLUTION**

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following:

WHEREAS, all children need love, guidance, and safety, and deserve to grow up in an environment free from violence and physical harm; and

WHEREAS, childhood is an especially vulnerable and impressionable stage of life during which future behavior happiness and psychological health are greatly influenced; and

WHEREAS, positive, non-violent parenting promotes positive, peaceful relationships and respect for the rights and safety of others; and

WHEREAS, current research shows that exposure to violence negatively impacts normal brain development; and

WHEREAS, current research indicates that the majority of child abuse cases start out as corporal punishment; and

WHEREAS, current research shows a strong correlation between corporal punishment and increased aggression, depression, substance abuse, learning disorders, and lower scholastic achievement; and

WHEREAS, current research shows that corporal punishment of children is associated with worse behavior, and the cessation of corporal punishment is associated with improved behavior; and

WHEREAS, current research shows that children who are shown love and respect and are disciplined without corporal punishment are more likely to become adults who enjoy higher self-esteem, better psychological health, higher academic achievement, more peaceful relationships, and more respect for others safety; now therefore,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that Town Meeting of Arlington encourages caregivers to refrain from the use of corporal punishment, and to use positive, non-violent forms of discipline, in the effort to reduce violence and to protect our children's health and future well being, and to promote safety and peace for all; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of 10 registered voters)

.. (SIGNED)

.... A true copy.

.... Attest:

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(SIGNED)

KEVIN F. GREELEY

ANNIE LA COURT

JOHN W. HURD

DIANE M. MAHON

CLARISSA ROWE

SELECTMEN

OF THE

TOWN

OF

ARLINGTON

.... RICHARD T. BOYLE

.... CONSTABLE

HOW TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT

Reasons for voting absentee

You may vote absentee if you are registered and will be unable to vote at the polls on Election Day because of

Absence from the Town
Physical disability
Religious beliefs

Illegal absentee voting is punishable by a fine of up to \$10,000 and up to five years in prison

Applying for an absentee ballot

You must apply for an absentee ballot from the Town Clerk no later than noon of the day before the election. Applications may be mailed or hand delivered and you may use any form of written communication (letter or postcard) or the official application form.

Include on the application

Your name as registered
Your registration address
Precinct, if you know it
The precise address to which you wish the ballot sent
Your own signature

Requesting to vote by mail

A ballot will be sent to any address you specify including your own home. Be sure to apply early because the ballots must be sent by mail and may be returned by mail or hand delivered.

Requesting to vote in person

If you prefer, you may request to vote in person before Election Day. You may vote at the Town Hall before Election Day at a time arranged with the Clerk, but application for your ballot must be made no later than noon of the day before the election. A voter may apply for an absentee ballot and then vote over-the-counter during the same visit.

Applying to vote if you are absent from the state, in the armed services or a prisoner

Registered and unregistered residents of Massachusetts outside the state and residents on active duty in the armed forces and merchant marine and their spouses or dependents, and prisoners, may vote absentee. They may request an absentee ballot from the Town where they legally reside (if outside the U.S., where they resided last before leaving). In addition, a close relative may apply on their behalf in person at the Town Clerk's Office.

A parent of a registered voter who is a student at a Massachusetts college or university may apply for an absentee ballot on the student's behalf to the Town Clerk where the student is registered.

In all cases, unregistered voters must register in person when they return to the state, since this does not establish permanent registration.

What if I am permanently physically disabled?

If you are permanently physically disabled and cannot cast your vote at the polling place, you may file a letter from your physician with the Town Clerk, stating that you are permanently unable to cast your vote at the polling place because of physical disability. A completed application for an absentee ballot, for you to sign and return, must be mailed by the Town Clerk to you at least 28 days before every primary and election.

NOTE: Voters who are admitted to a health care facility after noon of the fifth day before an election may apply for an absentee ballot up until the polls close on the day of the election (rather than noon the day before the election) and must designate a person to hand deliver and return the absentee ballot.